

April 13, 1937

Mr. Earl Platt
County Attorney
Apache County
St. Johns, Arizona

Dear Sir:

Confirming our telephone conversation of April 8th, we are issuing the following opinion to you.

Your request was whether in our opinion the Superior Court Judge of Navajo County might legally hold a coroner's inquest over a county line within Apache County.

We have examined the authorities on this point and have come to two conclusions:

1. Under Arizona laws, a Superior Court Judge may not legally hold a coroner's inquest under any circumstances.

2. That unless a formal request is made by the regular Superior Court judge of Apache County to the Superior Court judge of Navajo County for the latter to preside in his court, the judge of Navajo County has absolutely no authority whatsoever in Apache County. The minute he crosses the Navajo County line his judicial powers are lost, and in Apache County he is simply a citizen with no more power than any other citizen.

Very truly yours,

JOE CONWAY
Attorney General

W. E. POLLEY
Assistant Attorney General

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